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SUBJECT: Applicant: Cunningham *et al.*
 Serial No: 09/543,612
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 For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MEASURING THE
 MASS OF A SUBSTRATE
 Group: 2856
 Examiner: Chapman, Jr., J.
 Docket No: DR-308J

Dear Sir:

In the Request For Continued Examination filed on October 8, 2002, the marked up version of the amendment to claim 23 was inadvertently omitted. Enclosed please find a copy of the marked up version of the amendment to claim 23.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,

Roy J. Coleman
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Marked up claim

23. (Twice amended) The apparatus of claim 1 in which the mass determining device measures [the change in mass of a substance within the subnanogram range] the mass of a substance in the range of about 100 picogram/mm² to 100,000 picogram/mm².